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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 22

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS:

-- U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT, BUT NEGATIVE;

-- EAST EUROPEAN COVERAGE IS QUITE HEAVY, AND ALTHOUGH IT LEADS WITH THE POLISH NATIONAL DAY, IT HAS AN ECONOMIC ACCENT. LEADERSHIP MESSAGE TO POLES FRONTPAGED IN PRAVDA JULY 22 AND PARAPHRASED IN KZ IS HEAVY ON UNITY AND COMMONALITY OF VIEWS AND GOALS AND WORKS IN PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, IS ADDRESSED TO POLISH LEADERS "PERSONALLY," BUT NOT "PERSONALLY" FROM SOVIETS; ONLY "PERSONAL" CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN DEFMIN USTINOV'S GREETINGS TO JARUZELSKI IN KZ. ELSEWHERE, FONMIN COMMENTARY IN PRAVDA GLOWS ABOUT CEMA IIB LOAN TO POLISH PLANT, AND POLISH "PUBLICIST" MACIEJ BIELECKI IN KZ NOTES THAT TWO-WAY TRADE IS SLATED TO MORE THAN DOUBLE IN NEXT FYP. PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN JULY 22 BY PYOTR SLAVIN, DEALING WITH RECENT "EXTRAORDINARY" SESSION OF SOVIET-ROMANIAN MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION, SAYS SIDES AGREED ON 55 PERCENT INCREASE OVER LAST FYP IN TWO-WAY TRADE BUT WILL TRY FOR MORE; HE SAYS COOPERATION WILL EXPAND IN TRADITIONAL BRANCHES, BUT DOES NOT MENTION RAW MATERIALS;

-- ON MIDDLE EAST, MOST INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IS TOTAL ABSENCE OF ANY LEBANESE NEWS IN PRAVDA JULY 22, THOUGH TASS NEWS REPORT ON JIDDA SUMMIT MEETING APPEARS. JULY 21 IZVESTIYA AND JULY 22 KZ, ON OTHER HAND, HAVE USUAL NUMBER OF TASS ITEMS ON LEBANESE SITUATION. TASS NEW YORK ITEM IN KZ HAS COMMENTS FROM CSM AND WP ON ISRAELI

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MILITARY SUPPLY ASSISTANCE (W.P. -- AS COVER FOR U.S.ASSISTANCE) TO RIGHTIST FORCES IN LEBANON;

-- ON AFRICA, PRAVDA JULY 22 HAS UNSIGNED, UNDATED ARTICLE WHICH REFUTES ANTI-SOVIET CHARGES MADE BY SUDAN AND REPEATED BY "CERTAIN GOVERNMENT FIGURES" (READ SADAT) IN ARAB EAST. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT "ANTI-SOVIET ATTACKS AS WELL AS UNFRIENDLY STATEMENTS OF CERTAIN ARAB GOVERNMENT FIGURES--

AMONG THEM SUDANESE--IN NO WAY SERVE TO STRENGTHEN TRUST AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-SUDANESE RELATIONS." IZVESTIYA JULY 21 HAS A BLAND ARTICLE ON LIBYA AND ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH CONCLUDES WITH LIBYAN STATEMENT OF GRATITUDE FOR SOVIET SUPPORT IN ARAB STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAELI AGGRESSION AND IMPERIALIST INTRIGUES. "THERE ARE NO OBSTACLES" ON PATH OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, SAID LIBYAN MINISTER ZUEI (PHONETIC) TO IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT. APPEARANCE OF THIS ARTICLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRAVDA PIECE CRITICIZING SUDAN AND OTHERS CLEARLY SUGGESTS THAT SOVIETS ARE PUBLICLY STICKING WITH QADHAFI ON THIS ISSUE;

-- JULY 22 PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRY TASS BRAZZAVILLE ITEM ON GONGOLESE FONMIN STATEMENT REFUTING CIA "FABRICATION" ON POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF CUBAN TROOPS TO CONGO:

-- IN THE FAR EAST, JULY 22 PRAVDA AND KZ RECORD THAT JAPANESE PAPERS HAVE REPORTED THE CHINESE DEMARCHE TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN PEKING REGARDING RECENT STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA, WHO RECENTLY DENOUNCED CHINESE EFFORTS TO "COMPLICATE" SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS. THE SOVIET PRESS NOTED THAT THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY "DISREGARDED" THE CHINESE PRESENTATION AND STRESSED THAT JAPANESE TERRITORY WOULD NOT BE "USED FOR CRITICISM AND SLANDER BOTH AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA." PRAVDA CARRIES MAJOR ARTICLE BY I. LATYSHEV AGAINST U.S. BASES IN JAPAN. NOTING THE INCREASE IN THE JAPANESE CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. BASES IN JAPAN AND GIVING UNUSUALLY DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITIES THERE, LATYSHEV CALLS JAPAN "STRONGEST U.S. MILITARY PLATFORM IN FE." HE STRESSES THAT JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA WAS ALSO "PRESERVING A DANGEROUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOURCE OF CONFLICT IN DIRECT PROXIMITY TO THEIR COUNTRY."

2. U.S. COVERAGE IS LIGHT, BUT NEGATIVE. KZ JULY 22 HAS NASTY PIECE, SUBTITLED "SOCIETY WITHOUT A FUTURE," ON VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN LIFE DUE TO ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE GUN CONTROL LAWS. PRAVDA JULY 22 HAS ITEM ON CRITICAL ACADEMIC TESTIMONY BEFORE MCGOVERN SUB-COMMITTEE ON U.S. POLICY IN ME AND IZVESTIYA JULY 21 HAS SHORT ITEM ON CONTINUING U.S. ECONOMIC CRISIS. CONCLUDING PLENARY OF THIS MBFR ROUND IS REPORTED IN PRAVDA, HOWEVER, AND IZVESTIYA CARRIES INFORMATIVE ARTICLE ON VIKING-1 OBSERVATIONS AND HAS PICTURE FROM MARS'S SURFACE.
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